Dear Dennis, 1/15/96

I appreciate your call. I'm glad you understand that my primary objective is and has been to make a record, working at the pace I've been editing is surely needed. I did have, No time. I've just finished the 12th and last chapter of the Brown book. Doing about 90,000 words in a couple of weeks in itself assures more than the usual editing is needed.

I'll let reading and correcting this last chapter wait until this afternoon or the morning. And this morning I'll see if I can return to what had been my normal routine. I fear that two weeks of so little activitiy will mean I'm up to less of it. If the poor local radio weather that begins at 5 a.m. indicates the roads are not too icy from runoff I'll leave then and go to the lab for the blood test and then see if the parking lot at the physical therapists will let me try that again. Didn't.

We plan for a little shopping after I'm home. I'll then see if a copy of the Hosty book is available locally. Dave believes I should get on it next, as I had before hearing from him. I'd asked a friend in New York to try to get and send me one about two weeks ago and have not heard anything. Because it is, as I did not know, a Little, Brown book it may be here.

I do not know when Hood classes resume but when they do I should have some retyping to read and correct.

I should also return today with a new ribbon.

I think I forgot to tell you that because of the weight of the package I sent it insured fourth class. That may have delayed it a bit.

Bill has a copy of the Brown rough draft. I've asked him to send it to Gerry when he finishes if Gerry wants to read it. When I copy the rest of it and send it to you I'll also send him a copy of that.

Dave says the new Groden Oswald picture book is out along with that of the La Fontaines on Oswald as a snitch and Lifton's on Oswald are now out. I did a long and hasty critique of the La Fontaine business when it was a long article in the W. Post. I doubt if Groden is worth any time. After Hosty I intend to read and annotate this new Lifton book. I have a separate interest in that. The Baltimore crook of a cop who worked and may still work for Livingstone stole from me for Lifton for whom he also worked. Some of it, I'm sure, was just so nobody would have it but all may not be like that.

When a former FBI Dallas associate of Hosty's in that FBI office heard of his book he said it will say that somebody else is always wrong.

I think that Lifton will have more substance on Oswald than Newman but then it will not require much to have that.

The nearby Walden had a single copy of the Hosty book that I have.

After reading the dust jacket and skimming his appending and pictures I think that I'll title what I write Hosty Budding.

First thing that happened with the new ribbon is that the tab key started to stick.

I think I'll have to read his book with his testimony at hand.

Best,
Harold